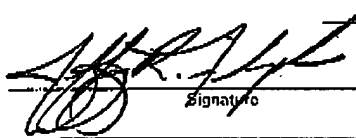


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This is a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 for waiver of 37 CFR 1.125(d) (which indicates that substitute specifications are not permitted in a reissue application). The PTO is authorized to charge the petition fee to deposit account no. 23-0975.

The present application is one of many pending reissue applications of U.S. Patent No. 5,600,672. Initially, in some of these applications, amendments to the specification were presented in the form of replacement paragraphs with bracketing and underlining to indicate the changes vis-a-vis the original patent. In several of the applications, the Examiner required a

substitute specification because of the length of the specification and the number of amendments, and indicated by telephone that substitute specifications would be required in all of the related reissue applications.

For example, in the present application 09/244,037 the replacement paragraph amendments were filed on April 30, 2003. Then, in the Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, the Examiner required a substitute specification. Also, in related reissue application 09/662,695, which like the present application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent 5,600,672 and a divisional application of reissue application 09/244,037, the replacement paragraph amendments filed on May 7, 2003 were denied entry and a substitute specification was required in the Office Action mailed May 27, 2003.

Moreover, in a telephone conversation with the Examiner in connection with reissue application 09/686,464, which is also a divisional application of reissue application 09/244,037, the Examiner required a substitute specification and indicated that substitute specifications would be required in all of the related reissue applications of U.S. patent 5,600,672 if the same specification amendments were to be entered.

Therefore, a substitute specification was prepared and filed in the present application on September 29, 2003, as well as in all of the related reissue applications of U.S. Patent 5,600,672.

In view of the above, it is requested that the PTO accept entry of the substitute specification filed September 29, 2003 in connection with the present application.

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